hijacked aircraft were tense and demanding. Precipitate action, in the absence of even basic information was judged as being fraught with unacceptable levels of risk.

(c) No, Sir. Government remains firm in its resolve to combat all forms of terrorism and preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.

Undertrials in Tihar

1442. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of undertrials in Tihar Jail, year-wise;

(b) how many of them are foreigners; and

(c) whether it is a fact that undertrial prisoners are also treated as convicts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The requisite details as on the first day of January of the years 1997 to 2000 are given below:

Year	Total number of undertrials	Number of foreigners who are undertrials
1977	8092	128
1998	7764	174
1999	8288	187
2000	8849	243

(c) No, Sir.